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LETTER DATED 19 MAY 1994 FROM THE ACTING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CONFERENCE AND THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UKRAINE ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A JOINT UNITED STATES-UKRAINE STATEMENT ON SECURITY AND DEFENCE MATTERS AS WELL AS THE TEXT OF A DOCUMENT RELATING TO A UNITED STATES-UKRAINE MISSILE EXPORT CONTROL AGREEMENT, ISSUED IN WASHINGTON ON 13 MAY 1994

We have the honour to forward to you the text of a Joint United States-Ukraine Statement on security and defence matters as well as the text of a document relating to a United States-Ukraine Missile Export Control Agreement, as issued in Washington on 13 May 1994.

Could you please take the appropriate steps to register these documents as official documents of the Conference on Disarmament, and to have them distributed to all member delegations and non-member States participating in the work of the Conference.

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(Signed): Olexander Slipchenko
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Following is the text of a Joint Statement by the United States and Ukraine as released 13 May 1994 in Washington.

The United States and Ukraine reaffirm their commitment to building a relationship based on partnership and mutual trust and respect between their two countries, and to continuing to build a new relationship in security and defence matters that reflects the end of the cold war. In this regard, the United States and Ukraine recognize the importance of fulfilling their obligations under the START Treaty and the Lisbon Protocol, the January 1994 Trilateral Statement, and bilateral commitments these two countries have made to each other regarding elimination of strategic offence arms and assistance to be provided for this purpose.

Ukraine welcomes United States progress in reducing strategic offensive arms. As the first step toward meeting the reductions required by the START Treaty, the United States has already removed over 3,500 nuclear warheads from over 780 intercontinental and submarine-launched ballistic missiles. Within the next few months, all warheads will have been taken off United States ballistic missiles whose launchers will be eliminated under this treaty. Ukraine also notes with satisfaction that, as a reflection of the improved international security environment, by 30 May United States strategic ballistic missiles will no longer be targeted on Ukraine or any other country.

The United States strongly supports the Verkhovna Rada's and President Kravchuk's commitment that Ukraine accede to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as a non-nuclear weapon State in the shortest possible time, and underscores its willingness to assist in helping Ukraine eliminate strategic offensive arms located in Ukraine. The United States welcomes the progress in the process of deactivation of missiles on Ukrainian territory, and - in accordance with the Trilateral Statement - 180 nuclear warheads have been transferred from Ukraine to Russia for dismantlement. The United States also welcomes the beginning of the process of delivery from Russia of fuel assemblies for nuclear power plants in Ukraine, in accordance with the Trilateral Statement.

Washington - Following is the text of a White House release as issued by the office of the Vice-President on 13 May 1994 headlined "United States-Ukrainian Missile Export Controls Agreement":

Vice-President Gore and Deputy Prime Minister Shmarov of Ukraine today signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Missile-Related Exports. In the memorandum, Ukraine agreed to conduct its missile- and space-related exports according to the criteria and standards of the multilateral Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR). This formal commitment on the part of Ukraine meets a major non-proliferation objective of the United States and the 24 other members of the MTCR.

The memorandum is a welcome expression of the strong partnership that the United States and Ukraine have established to address issues of non-proliferation and arms control. Ukraine's commitment to abide by the criteria and standards of the MTCR is an important step that shows its readiness to be a responsible national actor in the sale of high-technology goods and services, including in the aerospace sector.